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ECONOMIC CRISIS DUE TO THE WORLD'S SCRAMBLE FOR GOLD.

SUICIDAL TARIFF POLICY

A bold criticism of the economic policies of the Powers of the world was made by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, at the League session of the European Union at Geneva yesterday.

He declared that the nations were striving by every means to keep out foreign goods and were thereby impoverishing both themselves and others. The principal creditor countries insisted on payment of debts being made, but refused to accept the goods which the debtor countries had to offer and insisted on payment in gold. The consequent scramble for gold had largely contributed to the recent catastrophic fall in prices.

Mr. Henderson stirred his audience by remarking that unemployment, poverty and starvation existed while the corn bins of Europe and Overseas were bursting with food which could not be sold, and capital by countless millions was lying idle in the Banks.

NO WAR PLOT AGAINST SOVIET

Rugby, Yesterday. In the afternoon Mr. Henderson opened the session of the Committee on the European Union. He said that Europe was passing through an economic crisis of greatest severity. Unemployment, poverty, and starvation existed while the corn bins of Europe and countries overseas were bursting with food which could not be sold, and capital by countless millions was lying idle in the Banks.

The atmosphere of international security and freedom from fear of war, he insisted, was the first essential for economic prosperity and he agreed with President Hoover that if the Disarmament Conference next year succeeded it would do much to end the world crisis. He said that in many countries public opinion was beginning to understand the useless suffering economic nationalism had caused and was turning in favour of a programme of concerted international action through the machinery of the League of Nations.

The greater part of Europe was urgently calling for credit but the countries which had surplus resources seemed more and more reluctant to lend. He described the barriers against trade as barriers against prosperity and said that he must state most plainly the importance which the British Government attached to the question of tariff reductions.

Scramble for Gold. Nations were striving by every means to keep out foreign goods and impoverishing both themselves and others. The principal creditor countries insisted on the payment of debts but refused to accept the goods which the debtor countries had to offer and insisted on payment in gold. The consequent scramble for gold had largely contributed to the recent catastrophic fall in prices. They had shut their eyes to the fact that international trade must take the form of barter.

In course of his speech Mr. Henderson appealed to the Russian delegate, M. Lutvihoff, to banish the thought that members



Mr. A. Henderson.

which Dr. Benes (Czechoslovakia) and Dr. Marinkovich (Jugoslavia) took part, the motion of the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, to refer the Austro-German Customs Union question to the International Court at The Hague was unanimously passed. The German Foreign Minister, Dr. Curtius, also spoke and joined issue with M. Marinkovich. The matter will later come before the council. He declared that Germany had no intention of pursuing a policy as a great Power detrimental to lesser Powers—British Wireless Service.

Practical Proposals.

Geneva, Yesterday.

On Mr. Arthur Henderson's proposal the Commission of the European Union has appointed a committee of 17 members to study the procedure to be adopted for the preparation of definite practical proposals to deal with the world economic crisis—Reuter.

BORN IN A PLANE.

WHILE MOTHER WAS FLYING TO HOSPITAL

A baby boy was born in an aeroplane at a height of 4,000 feet at Le Pas, Manitoba.

An emergency call was received from a place on the New Hudson Bay Railway, stating that an expectant mother was anxious to be rushed to hospital. Flight Lieutenant McPhee took off in a monoplane, landed near the patient's home, had her car-

ried on board, and winged his way back when the baby was born.

Mother and baby are stated to be doing nicely.

"BOADICEA'S SCYTHE."

Damages of £3 15s. against the car-owner were awarded at Westminster County Court to a Civil Servant whose coat was torn as he walked past a stationary motor-car in the Strand, by a sharp point of metal protruding from one of the wings.

Judge Turner—if a man has a sort of Boadicea's scythe on his car and cuts anybody, he must pay for it.

BUS FARES IN KOWLOON

Opposition to Proposed New System.

HARDSHIP ON COMMUNITY.

A special meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrews' Church Hall on Monday night, for the purpose of considering the proposed new system of bus fares in Kowloon. The President of the Association (Mr. F. C. Mow Fung) was in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary read a letter from the Divisional Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, enclosing particulars of the application submitted to Government by the three bus companies. Summarised, the suggested system provides for the introduction in place of the present "stage" system of a flat fare of fifteen cents for first class passengers and ten cents for second class passengers for any distance on the respective routes, the new system to come into operation on July 1.

Considerable discussion ensued, and the proposal was examined from all possible angles. The anomaly of an increase of 100 per cent. in short distance second class fares against an increase of only 50 per cent. in short distance first class fares and a decrease of 25 per cent. in long distance first class fares was commented on, and it was agreed that such an increase not only constituted a hardship on the lower class, who were already badly hit by the increased cost of living, but would defeat its object by causing a diminution of traffic. All facts available with regard to the present system having been placed before the Committee, it was moved and carried unanimously that the Association oppose on principle the introduction of a "flat rate" fare, and recommend the retention of the present "stage" system.

Various members having spoken at some length on the inadvisability of the introduction of a new scale of fares which the fluctuations of exchange or the stabilisation of the dollar might render inapplicable within a short space of time, it was agreed that, in forwarding the first motion to the authorities the Committee deprecate any change in the existing fares being made until the intentions of Government with regard to the currency of the Colony are made known.

REBEL CAMP RAIDED IN BURMA.

Heavy Casualties Made On Insurgents.

SITUATION QUIETER.

Rugby, Yesterday. A statement on the situation in Burma was made in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Wedgwood-Benn, Secretary for India. The most important recent event was the discovery of four camps probably the headquarters of rebels, in the jungles in Insein District, which were destroyed after heavy casualties among the rebels, who fled. The effect of this success may be far-reaching.

The monsoon has commenced in Lower Burma and it is hoped that the situation will quieten down. But, Mr. Benn concluded, on the economic side the position remaining difficult.

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SUICIDE PACT?

MAN AND WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL.

Yesterday a man, Yu Man (29), and a woman, Chan Sze (22) succumbed to the effects of opium poisoning which they are alleged to have self-administered in a room in the Mee Chan Hotel, Des Vaux Road Central.

The woman died before arrival at the Government Civil Hospital, whilst the man passed away at 4.45 o'clock this morning.

No reason has been advanced for their act.

BRUTAL ATTACK ON CHINESE GIRL.

British Soldiers in Trouble.

ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

The story of a brutal robbery from a Chinese girl was related before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Police Court this morning, when Private Alexander Padman, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders was charged, together with an unknown man, with robbing Wong So-lin of \$6 at Yau-mati on May 18, and with using personal violence.

The letter stated that His Excellency the Governor in Council had decided that it is not expedient for the time being to grant a lease of the remaining portion

of this beach, but while appreciating the desirability of retaining portions of the foreshore for the provision of public bathing facilities, the Government is compelled to have regard to the requirements of commercial enterprises, particularly those of public utility companies, and consequently cannot permanently reserve this area for the purpose of public bathing.

She asked for her money back, and defendant struck her in the

STILL SHOWERY.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states:

The anti-cyclone has weakened and is now central over S.W. Japan.

The depression remains central to the East of Tourane.

Forecast:—S. winds, moderate; fair to showery.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—3.94 inches. Total since January 1—20.41 inches against an average of 18.22 inches—excess 2.19.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:

Hong Kong	77
Macao	77
Pratas Island	85
Foochow	69
Manila	79
Chefoo	60
Shanghai	59

face. He then made off toward Nathan Road. The girl followed, together with a student who had witnessed the scene. They went as far as Yau-mati Government School, blowing a Police whistle. Here one of the men kicked the girl and caused her to fall down.

Defendant then gave the \$6 to his companion, who boarded a Mongkok bus. A crowd was beginning to gather and defendant also attempted to board a bus, but was arrested by a detective.

Very Serious Case.

At an identification parade the complainant was unable to identify the second man.

Mr. Hamilton said that case was very serious.

Detective Inspector Fallon said that they were asking for a committal.

The hearing was fixed for May 29.

The prisoner was remanded in prison, bail being refused.

ATTACK ON LAND TAX PROPOSALS.

Sir John Simon Thinks It An Injustice.

TORY MOTION LOST.

London, Yesterday.

The House of Commons came to grips over the details of the land tax machinery to-day on the motion of the second reading of the Financial Bill.

The Bill passed its second reading after the rejection of a Conservative amendment, by 270 votes to 230, which mainly consisted of an attack on the land tax proposals.

Sir John Simon (Liberal) declared that he would oppose the proposals. He saw no reason why a man should be taxed because he acquired land—Reuter.

DISPOSAL OF TAIWAN BEACH.

Government's Reply to the K.R.A.

ANOTHER PROTEST.

At a special meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association on Monday night the President (Mr. F. C. Mow Fung) stated that a reply had been received from Government to the Association's submissions regarding the disposal of Taiwan Beach, and the provision of public bathing facilities.

The letter stated that His Excellency the Governor in Council had decided that it is not expedient for the time being to grant a lease of the remaining portion of this beach, but while appreciating the desirability of retaining portions of the foreshore for the provision of public bathing facilities, the Government is compelled to have regard to the requirements of commercial enterprises, particularly those of public utility companies.

The fact that the mere abstention from leasing the beach for other purposes did not make it available for public bathing was commented on, and it was agreed to endeavour to secure from Government an undertaking that in the event of private enterprise securing permission to provide facilities thereon, adequate notice would be given of any intention to terminate such permission.

In the course of the debate on this subject, it was reported that the Bathing Beaches Sub-Committee had covered the whole of the Peninsula in search of beaches within reasonable distance of the urban area suitable for public bathing, and had found that none existed other than Lai-chikok and the beach of Taiwan.

PASSING OF THE PATRIA.

Long Service for Macao Government.

PIRACY RECALLED.

Tenders are being called for at Macao for the purchase of the old gunboat Patria, and thus is seen the passing of a gallant little ship which had done service at Macao and in the South China waters for over a quarter of a century.

She was built in the Lisbon Dockyard in 1903 and soon afterwards was sent out to do duty at Macao as the Senior Officer's Ship, China Station in which capacity she remained until a few months ago when the cruiser Adamastor took over from her. Since that time the Patria has been out of commission at Macao until the decision was made in Portugal to dispose of her.

A small two screw vessel of 626 tons, the Patria has the following dimensions, length 190.8, breadth 27.5, and depth 8.4. Her armament comprises four 8.9 guns, six 3-pounders, and one machine gun, and at the time of her completion she was capable of doing 16.7 knots.

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MOTHER PLEADS FOR HER SON.

House Burned Down in the Country.

YOUNG THIEF BOUND OVER.

Remanded by Mr. Schofield yesterday, Chan Shun (18) made another appearance in the Central Police Court this morning, on a charge of the larceny of jersey, to which he pleaded guilty. Defendant's mother was present in Court to-day, and in reply to his Worship said that the lad's father could not do any work because he was suffering from beriberi. "All our houses have been burned down in the country," she said.

The woman said that her son had never run away from the home, but defendant, in reply to Mr. Schofield, maintained that he had.

The Magistrate—You think you can find any one to guarantee your son?

The mother—I know some shop but I wonder if they are willing to guarantee?

His Worship said that as defendant was Hong Kong born, he would try the effect of binding him over to be of good behaviour for one year, in a surety of \$50. If insufficient surety was found, then defendant would have to go to prison for two months. He would grant a further remand of 24 hours.

OXFORD HONOUR.

DEGREE TO BE CONFERRED ON

EINSTEIN.

RELATIVITY THEORY.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Oxford University Convocation to-day decided to confer the

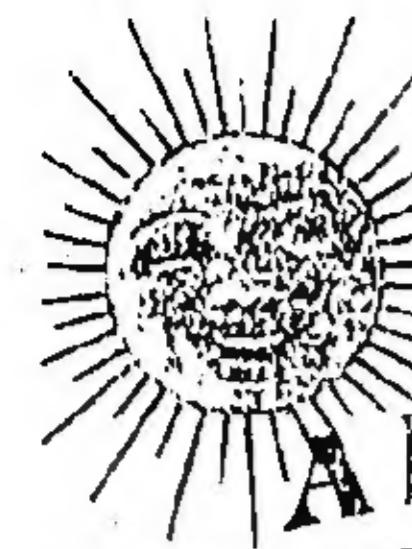


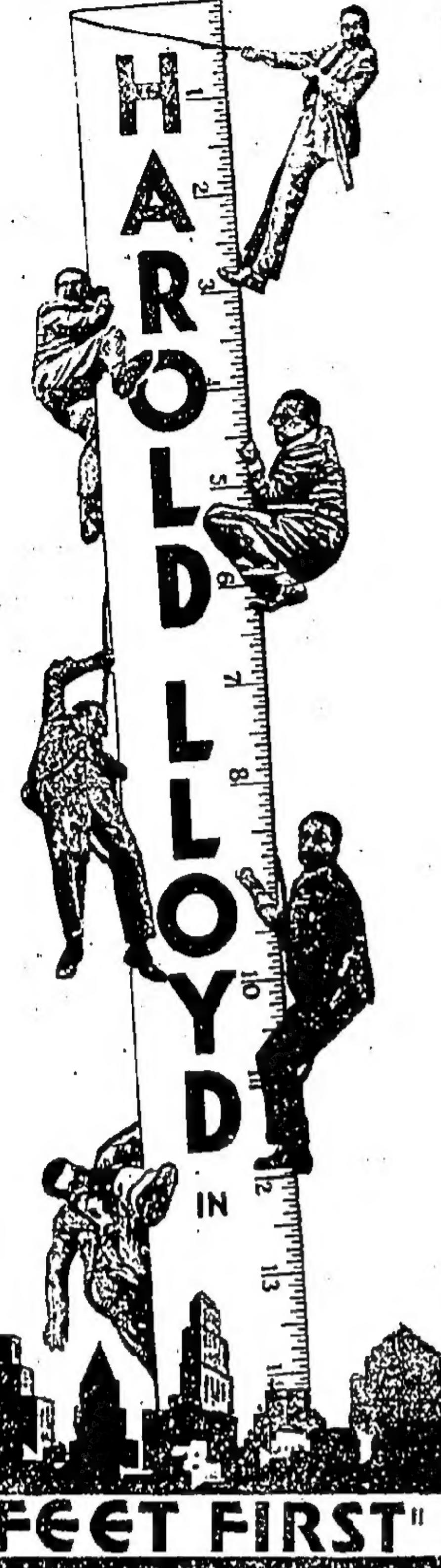
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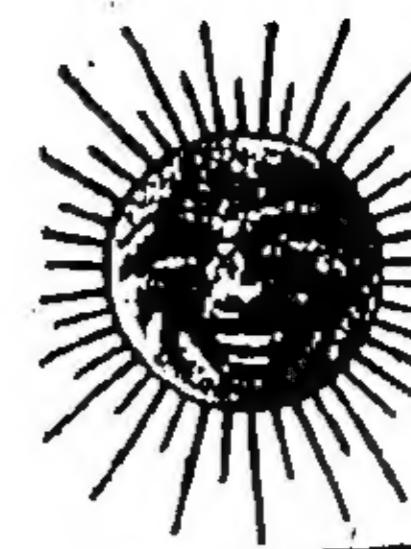
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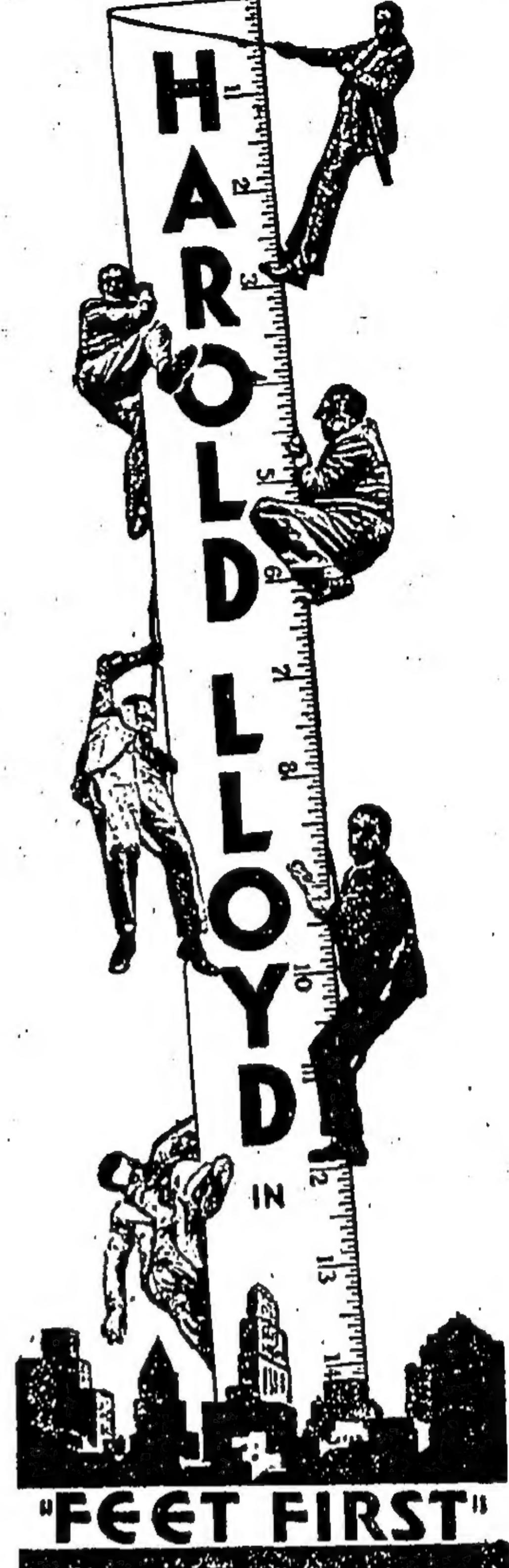
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Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

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The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 per day including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

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'SHOCKING SENTENCE' ON EUROPEAN.

Appeal by Rubber Estate Assistant.

ADAMANT JUDGE.

At the High Court, Rangoon, Mr. Justice Dunkley heard the appeal of Mr. G. R. Maydwell against the sentence of two years' rigorous imprisonment passed on him by the Sessions Judge of Tavoy and Mergui on a charge of misappropriation of Rs. 16,000 belonging to the Mergui Crown Rubber Estate.

Mr. T. F. R. MacDonnell appeared for the appellant.

Arguing the appeal, counsel said that the appellant had been for five years employed in the Mergui Rubber Estate as accountant and book-keeper and also as field assistant. It appeared the appellant misappropriated Rs. 16,800 of his employer's cash. After the misappropriation

was discovered, the appellant was arrested in Rangoon in the beginning of March and had been in custody ever since.

The misappropriation had come to light mainly through the appellant's confession to the manager of the estate. The money was repaid in full to the estate by a third party, an hour after the report was made to the Police. It was paid on the condition that the prosecution would be withdrawn as the employers had suffered no loss. When the matter came before the District Magistrate, an application was made supported by the Public Prosecutor to withdraw the case, but the District Magistrate committed the case to the Sessions Judge.

Before the Sessions Judge, he pleaded guilty and urged in extenuation that the money had been repaid and that the prosecution had been continually pressuring for the withdrawal of the case.

Counsel submitted that in a case of this kind the Sessions Judge had erred in passing a shocking sentence of two years.

Orders were reserved.

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FLYERS OF THE THAMES.

When White Sails Came to London.

We have good reason to remember and be grateful to the clippers and clipper ships, not only because their very names call up a world of sea romance, of tall ships clothed to the trucks in gleaming pyramids of canvas, or shortened down to a minimum of sail as they went tearing along before the gales of "the Roaring Forties," running their Easting down, and of skilled and gallant seamanship, but also because they regained for us the supremacy of the sea, which for a time was completely wrested from us by America.

Both because of their romance and their importance, it is of special interest to trace back to the beginning of the clippers, and to find that the first real clipper built in Great Britain was the little 150-ton schooner Scottish Maid, launched in 1839 for the London Aberdeen run.

The Mother of the Clippers.

It may even be fairly argued that she was the first of clippers built anywhere, if we take the meaning of the word to be a vessel built first and foremost for speed; and remember that the only others given the name up to then were the "Baltimore Clippers," dating further back to the American War, but built first as fighting ships: a good gun platform with strength to resist enemy broadsides.

The Scottish Maid was built essentially for speed, because her purpose was to regain the trade which was beginning to go to the paddle-steamer trading out of London River. She was so successful in making quicker average passages than the steamers that three other schooners were built to her model, and she continued to sail for fifty years, until she was wrecked.

She was certainly the little mother of all our clippers—if not of every clipper—because when a London firm of China merchants wanted a fast clipper for the opium trade they naturally went to the builders of the Scottish Maid, who, to their order, built the opium clipper Torrington, again designed in the first place for speed.

Years later, when the same firm wanted a ten clipper-ship, they again went to the same builders of the "Aberdeen Clippers."

The Opium Clippers needed their speed for even better and grimmer reasons than the London-Aberdeen ones. For some years before Jardine Matheson and Co. (the London firm whose name appears always in the forefront of those who kept our clipper flag flying) had ordered the Torrington, a number of schooners were employed in the business of running opium from India to China and distributing it along the coast there.

Huge profits were earned by these schooners, one, indeed, selling opium worth over a quarter of a million sterling in a single year, and the Americans were quickly attracted to the trade.

Caught by Chinese Pirates, But because of their valuable cargoes of opium, or of the hard

And in 1850 there came a shattering blow to British pride when, after our Navigation Laws were repealed, the first American ship Oriental, arrived in London River 97 days out from China—"the fastest voyage on record." Crowds flocked to see the wonder ship, to gaze in admiration and awe at her towering masts, her huge spread of yards, her beautiful lines.

And there was consternation in the City and riverside coffee-houses, where the shipping world met for business or gossip, on learning that the Oriental had loaded "1,000 tons of lead at £6 a ton, when all ships loading at Whampoa at the same time only got £3 10s." The American challenge was promptly accepted, and the war was on. The same London firm that had ordered the first Opium Clipper, gave orders to the same builders for The Stormaway, a ship that would compete with the Americans. Boyd Cable in the Evening News.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Argus—French gunboat.

Bever—American gunboat; and submarines.

Mindanao—American gunboat.

coin or silver bars paid for it, the pirate prahus which infested the China waters, the bays along the coast or the narrow channels of approach from India, kept a constant lookout and missed no chance of attacking the opium carriers.

As certainly as one of these lay becalmed or was sailing sluggishly along the coast, out would dart from half a dozen to a score of prahus, packed with men armed to the teeth, driven under the urge of banks of oars, or sail and oars. If once they could surround their victim, her doom was sealed, because with the prahus dashing in from every direction it was impossible to beat them all off, no matter how many guns were carried or how well they were served.

A few minutes before the prahus crashed in, a shower of "stink-pots" flew from their decks, and, breaking their fragile clay skins as they fell, spurted out dense volumes of suffocating smoke and flesh-searing chemicals.

Then, as prahus after prahus crashed alongside, hordes of reckless savages hacked through the boarding net and poured down on deck. Dozens might be shot or cut down, but there were always more dozens to follow, and the end was inevitable.

The hapless survivors either had their throats cut on the spot, or—because the pirates always enjoyed a little of their peculiar forms of pleasure mixed with business—their hands and feet were tied and they were tossed overboard, sometimes singly and sometimes in bundles of several together.

The American Challenge—

The Opium Clippers were built like yachts, with tall raking masts and vast spreads of canvas. In the lightest of airs they could "ghost" along at a speed that defied the prahus, and in anything like a good breeze could literally sail rings round them.

Nearly all were schooners or briggs of up to about 300 tons. They were at last beaten by steam because even in a flat calm the steamer could escape where the clipper could not. But steam did not beat the pirates, and to this day you may read of some pirate gang shipping as coolie passengers, and rising suddenly when at sea to overpower and murder the crew and take possession of the ship.

When the monopoly of the H.E. India Company ended, in 1834, our carrying trade from the East to Britain was still protected by the Navigation Laws, which prohibited foreign ships from bringing cargoes to Britain.

But the Americans were working up a big trade between China and America, and a fleet of fast ships for it. They built the first "clipper ships"—the distinction between these and "clippers" being that in the clipper-ship the fast yacht-like lines of the small schooners and brigs were applied to the larger deep-water voyaging vessels of "ship rig" with square sails on all three masts.

These American clipper ships were storming to and from Australia via ports, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Celebes Maru, Japanese str., 4,258 tons, Capt. Z. Ito, from Moji via Sakito, Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Chipping, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. D. Pethick, from Wei-hai-wei, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Elpenor, British str., 4,824 tons, Captain R. J. Wilson, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—B. & S.

Hiroshi Maru No. 3, Japanese str., 664 tons, Capt. Y. Okada, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.M.

Ichang, British str., 1,223 tons, Captain J. S. Anderson, from Swatow, buoy No. C5.—B. & S.

Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. W. J. King, from Swatow, buoy No. B8.—B. & S.

Oostkerk, Dutch str., 5,002 tons, Capt. G. Mohr, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—J.C.J.L.

Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,251 tons, Captain T. Thorbjornsen, from Saigon, buoy No. B18.—Chang Teng Ha.

Tungsha, Norwegian str., 3,869 tons, Captain Sorensen, from Manilla, buoy No. A7.—Thorben & Co.

Yuan Lee, Chinese str., 1,661 tons, Captain A. Kraukle, from Swatow, buoy No. B8.—Yuen Seng Fat.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:

Bruce—In dock.

Hermes—No. 1 buoy.

Odin—in dock.

Proteus—North arm.

Sandwich—No. 8 buoy.

Sir Lancelot—West wall dock.

Somme—No. 12 buoy.

Sterling—North arm.

Tarantula—East wall.

Tamar—Basin.

Foreign Men-of-War.

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A WONDER SHIP.

LAUNCHING OF GERMANY'S NEW BATTLESHIP.

THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS.

Kiel, Yesterday.

A salute fired from all the ships and coastal batteries greeted the arrival of President Hindenburg to preside at the launching, in the presence of thousands of spectators, of Germany's 10,000 ton battleship, the *Ersatz Preussen*, now christened the *Deutschland*, the £4,000,000 wonder ship.

This is the ship which upset the calculations of the world's disarmament experts. The vessel's cruising range is 18,000 miles, with a speed of 26 knots, six eleven-inch and eight five-inch guns, four anti-aircraft guns, and six torpedo tubes, being driven by featherweight Diesel engines of secret design. Germany plans to build three more *Deutschlands* before 1936.

The city was gaily beflagged and the whole German fleet was in the harbour, while the 50,000 spectators of the launching included the Chancellor, Dr. Bruening, Ministers, naval attaches, service men, students and 10,000 school children.

Dr. Bruening in a speech said Germany had shown the world that in spite of restrictions imposed on her and severe economic distress she had found strength to safeguard peace and protect her honour. Germany was loyally fulfilling the disarmament obligations, and expected that disarming by others would follow.

There was a remarkable contretemps owing to a workman prematurely removing the wedges. The *Deutschland* glided into the water before she was christened, so President Hindenburg named her in the water.—Reuter.

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KRISHGAR	9,000	4th July	Mars., M'selles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	18th July	Mars., M'selles, Havre & London.
PERIM	7,700	25th July	Mars., L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
KHYBER	9,000	1st Aug.	Mars., L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
SOMALI	8,800	8th Aug.	Mars., Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	15,000	15th Aug.	Mars., M'selles & London.
PADUA	6,000	22nd Aug.	Mars., Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KARMALA	9,000	29th Aug.	Mars., M'selles & London.
CATHAY	15,000	12th Sept.	Bombay, M'selles & London.
SUDAN	—	19th Sept.	Mars., Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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TALMA	10,000	4th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
EASHGAR	9,000	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	5,000	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Osaka & Y'hama.
PERIM	7,000	10th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	18th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SOMALI	6,000	27th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,000	2nd July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,000	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NEELORE	7,000	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Osaka & Y'hama.
TIJAWA	10,000	16th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SANTHIA	8,000	30th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,000	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	1st Aug.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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The British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., have this year added two new fast twin-screw liners to their fleet to take up their accelerated service in the Indian Ocean between India and ports on the East African Coast. This service covers the important traffic between India and East and South Africa. The two ships Kenya and Karanja have been built by Messrs. Alexander Stephen and Sons, Ltd., Linthouse, Glasgow, to carry first-class and second-class passengers and a large number of Indian deck passengers, as well as cargo, and the ships are intended to run at a speed of 16 knots.

Their dimensions are: Length overall, 487ft.; breadth moulded, 64ft.; depth moulded to shelter deck, 41ft.; gross tonnage, 9,990. They have straight stem, two masts and a single funnel, and have a forecastle forward and a bridge amidships extended as a promenade deck over the cruiser stern aft. Above the bridge are fitted a promenade deck, boat deck, navigating bridge and flying bridge. The ships are built to Lloyd's 100 A.I highest class, and to the Board of Trade's latest requirements for passenger vessels, including those of the 1929 International Convention for the safety of life at sea.

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The accommodation and decoration generally has been designed for the Indian Ocean and hot weather conditions with large opening windows, light paneling, and cool upholstery. The dining saloon is decorated in Georgian style with ivory-coloured panelled walls, and can seat 77 persons at small tables. The music-room is a large room decorated in Wedgwood blue, and the windows look into the observation shelter. The furniture includes a piano and an electrically-powered gramophone.

The smoking-room is finished in polished oak in simple Elizabethan style with lattice windows, and abaft the smoking-room is the sports deck, a large covered space suitable for dancing, deck tennis or other games.

The second-class accommodation is situated in the midship bridge. The rooms are arranged for two, three or four berths, and wherever possible the beds are of the cot type. There is a washbasin with water laid on in each stateroom.

The dining saloon seats 130 persons and is decorated in a cool shade of cream; the music-room and smoking-room are handsome rooms situated at the aft end of the promenade deck, and there are covered shelters and promenades reserved for the second-class passengers. An information office or bureau is provided for both the first and second-class passengers, as well as a dispensary and a consulting room and also a laundry.

The third-class or Indian deck passengers are accommodated on the lower and main decks, which are fitted with sleeping platforms capable of accommodating 1,700 passengers.

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T'ain via Stow & Shai	CHAKSANG	Sun, 31st May at 7 a.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	YATSHING	Mon, 3rd June at 7 a.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	KUACHEUNG	Mon, 8th June at 3 p.m.
Spore, Penang & Calcutta	HOASANG	Tues, 10th June at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	MOJI	Mon, 22nd June at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	YUENSANG	Sun, 31st May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Fri, 19th June at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	MAUSANG	Wed, 1st July at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	JHINSANG	Fri, 27th May at Noon
Sandakan	CHIHSING	Sun, 5th June at Noon
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Kowloon Bus Fares.

It is pleasing to be able to record that any fear previously entertained that the Kowloon Residents' Association would be caught napping in regard to the proposed new system of bus fares on the mainland has been dispelled.

It will be recalled that recently the three bus companies operating in Kowloon submitted to the Government an application for the approval of a new system providing for the introduction, in place of the present "stage" system, of a flat rate of fifteen cents for first class passengers and ten cents for second class passengers for any distance on the respective routes, the new system to come into force on July 1. As usual the low exchange is blamed for the "necessity" to standardise the first and second class fares. We have been told that petrol, tyres, repairs, accessories, and even the buses themselves have to be paid for in gold, and are costing twice as much now as when the dollar stood at two shillings. We echo the hope of the *Sunday Herald* that neither the Government nor the Kowloon Residents' Association will be in the slightest way impressed by this specious piece of pleading. To a mere handful on the outskirts of the bus routes it may seem something of a concession to be able to travel all the way for fifteen cents first class and ten cents second class, but what of the great majority of the poorer

It is to be devoutly hoped that these views of the Committee of the K.R.A. will carry due weight with the authorities. They will assuredly meet with the whole-hearted approbation of every patron of the buses on the mainland. First things first—and the first need of the bus system on the mainland is, as the *Sunday Herald* has already stated in no unmeasured terms, Service!

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 73. At 10 a.m. the humidity was 94 and at 4 p.m. 96.

Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. yesterday the rainfall was 1.11 inch, up to 10 a.m. To-day the total was 3.94 inches.

Detective-Sergeant Paton, Traffic-Sergeant McInnis and Lance-Sergeant Sherry are leaving for Home leave on Saturday on the F. & O. S. Comorin.

The Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association has decided to approach the Colonial Secretary with regard to the provision of a parking space for cars at the Yaumati Ferry Wharf.

A man, named Lai Ming-ching, who jumped from the second floor of 318 Queen's Road West on May 3, and sustained injuries which caused his removal to the Government Civil Hospital, died at 10 o'clock last night.

A Chinese police guard attempted to leave the trials from Canton when it was moving to the Shum-chun station yesterday afternoon when he fell. He was taken on to Kowloon, where he was taken to hospital. He is reported to be in a critical condition.

"When it grew late, I said, 'We had better turn in now.'

"Just as I was about to remove my sweater, I thought I heard him calling me—but when I popped my head round the door he was sitting exactly as I had left him."

"Good Old Skipper."

"Thought you shouted for me."

LAST HOURS OF SHACKLETON.

"I Wonder If I Shall See That Lagoon."

FATAL JOURNEY.

Commander Frank Worsley, D.S.O., master of Shackleton's Endurance, has written a book which sheds brilliant light on the adventures which made the explorer famous.

The author was with Shackleton when he lost the Endurance, and on his last ill-fated journey to the South Pole.

Admiral Lord Jellicoe has written a foreword to the book, in which he pays a magnificent tribute to Shackleton.

"Shackleton is dead, but the Shackleton spirit goes on. It is the spirit which animated our seamen during the Great War; the spirit which led the officers and men of the Merchant Navy to carry on their essential work in face of all the dangers and horrors of unrestricted submarine warfare; the spirit with which, as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, I was familiar in respect of the officers and men of the Royal Navy."

Care for His Men.

"Shackleton embodied in himself those great qualities, and it is for that reason that Commander Worsley wishes to see valued at its true worth the memory of a man who typified so much that should continue to be beloved by his countrymen."

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It is difficult to quote from the mass of magnificent detail which goes to make up this book. The last chapter however, provides as ample of its merit.

"As we drew close towards South Georgia the weather naturally got worse, and on Christmas Day the wind blew at hurricane force, so that we were obliged to heave-to."

"One worry after another now seemed to fall upon poor Shackleton. The boiler developed a serious crack, which, if we had tried to drive the vessel at full speed, must have produced an explosion. Our water tank sprang a leak and fresh water was lost."

His Fighting Spirit.

"This situation, strangely enough, instead of depressing Shackleton, aroused his fighting spirit, and he became more like the Shackleton of the old days of the Endurance than he had been at any time during our journey in the Quest."

"When we arrived at the whaling station of Grytviken on January 4, 1922, Shackleton, displaying all his old energy, went ashore to arrange various details of work. Afterwards he came back on board."

"We dined, and then the others went away fishing, leaving Shackleton and myself together. Although he looked tired, he yawned away animatedly enough, and therefore I am unable to offer any explanation of a growing uneasiness which took possession of me. We began to play his favourite game of Racing Patience, but since he seemed to want to talk rather than to play, we soon put the cards aside."

"Our conversation naturally turned the direction in which our explorations of the Antarctic should take. That talk is unfortunately over.

"Would you like to land near Caird Coast and sledge toward Derby Land?" he asked, and went without waiting for me to answer. "I would give you sledges and four or five men, and anything you discovered would be in your own name."

Change of Mood.

"I said, 'Thanks, old man,' and put my hand on his. 'Now, what about that old lagoon, Skipper?' he said, reverting to the topic that invariably seemed to divert him."

"Then a curious thing happened. For upwards of three months he had always spoken of our journey to the lagoon as a certainty, and as though there remained only the details to be settled. Now, suddenly, his mood changed.

"It seemed as if he had forgotten for a moment that I was there, sitting beside him, for he mused aloud, in tone filled with doubt:

"I wonder whether I shall ever see the Skipper's lagoon?"

"That sort of thing was unlike Shackleton, and I wondered whether he knew something about himself that was hidden from me."

"I said, 'Well, whether I shall ever see the Skipper's lagoon?'

"He said, 'I thought I heard him calling me—but when I popped my head round the door he was sitting exactly as I had left him.'

"Good Old Skipper."

"Thought you shouted for me."

LOVERS CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Case Against the Man Dismissed.

GIRL SENT TO JAIL.

To-day Lau Kam-lam, (17) a woman, and Lo Kau, (22) alleged to be her sweetheart, were jointly charged in the Kowloon Police Court with the larceny and receiving of jewellery to the value of \$110 from the second floor of No. 339, Portland Street, between May 12 and 18.

It was stated in Court that the complainant, Li Kui-chin, reported the loss to the Police Station, on May 18, and a detective made a search of the adjoining cubicle which was occupied by defendants.

Several bills were found relating to the sale of jewellery. On enquiry, this proved to be part of the stolen property. The defendants were arrested and the woman admitted the theft.

The only evidence against the man was that he redeemed part of the jewellery on May 18, and the case against him was dismissed.

Six weeks' imprisonment was imposed on the girl.

LOTTERY BILL.

TO AUTHORISE RAISING OF CHARITY FUNDS.

COMMONS PURITANICAL.

Rugby, Yesterday. In the House of Commons today Sir William Davidson, asked leave to introduce a Bill authorising the raising of money by lotteries for the support of British Hospitals. The House refused leave to bring in the Bill by 181 votes to 58.—British Wireless Service.

A FAMILY AFFAIR.

But Police And Troops Had To Take A Part In It.

A pitched battle between thousands of natives is reported from Bouira, in Algeria.

It was the result of a family feud, and the natives, among whom were many prominent men, came to blows on market day.

Gendarmes and troops were hurriedly called out from neighbouring stations, and, with considerable effort, put an end to the fight. They made 120 arrests.

No European was molested.

GREATER PARIS.

Big Increase In Suburban Population.

The recent census shows that while the population of Paris itself has scarcely grown since the last census, which was taken in 1926, the number only increasing by 20,000, the suburban inhabitants have increased by 280,000.

Ground was broken on the property of the Canadian Industries Limited the other day for the erection of a superphosphate plant. This is the firm which about two years ago absorbed the Grassell Chemical Interests in Canada and acquired that company's plant at Hamilton. The new building will be of steel and concrete construction throughout, measuring 240 feet by 84 feet with a lean-to of 36 feet on one side. In addition a large wooden building 294 feet by 80 feet with concrete floor is to be provided for the storage of phosphate rock. The cost of buildings is estimated at \$400,000. The machinery has all been purchased and it is anticipated that production will commence on June 1, 1931.

(1) Do not make the stages of the route too long to start with, and provide as many alternative landing places as funds will permit.

(2) Establish weather report centres and a good forecasting service.

(3) Provide aids to navigation particularly in the way of directional finding wireless.

(4) Decide on what you require from your aircraft, and employ a multi-engined type which can do the work you want.

(5) Provide adequate and efficient maintenance staff and facilities.

(6) Have, at least, 100 per cent reserve of machines and engines, and,

(7) Do not be too ambitious at first.

Mail will probably pay best to start

THE LOG

Of the "TRADER HORN" Expedition.

by W. S. Van Dyke
Editorial to the "China Mail"

Batibia, Uganda, May 11. If you will be kind enough to open your atlas to a map of Africa, you will find Lake Albert just to the left of your wife's index finger. She is pointing to Lake Victoria, which is quite another matter; we left there four or five days ago. And then when you have located Lake Albert you may find a dot on the southeast shore labeled Batibia. And if you have an exceptional atlas it is possible that you will notice that there is a boat at the Batibia pier. But in my event, let it be known that I am approximately half way between the town and the boat. In another hour I will be on the boat, headed for Murchison Falls at the after end of the lake.

It was partly the Imperial Hotel at Kampala and partly the fact that we are all anxious to get started on the actual business of our expedition--the making of a moving picture--that made us decide to get on up country in such haste.

The morning after our arrival at Kampala we were up very early. While two of the boys remained behind to negotiate the hire of suitable lorries for our safari, I jumped into a taxi and drove over to Entebbe to see the Governor of Uganda. The trip is much like the one from Jinja to Kampala--the roads are smooth, the foliage is dense and there is just enough change of topography to relieve the monotony of the ride.

A Residential Centre. The town of Entebbe itself stands high above Lake Victoria on a bluff. It is peopled by a great many Europeans who hold the Government positions and is, consequently, a residential centre of unusual beauty. The Governor,



"Why is there no picture in that frame?"

"That is the posthumous work of the great artist, Rodriguez."

Buen Humor, Madrid.

Sir William Gowers occupies a large rambling mansion which covers the choicest promontory within the town limits. I was told by his secretary that he was indisposed, suffering from fever, and so the opportunity of exploring his estate was lost to me. I was disappointed as well in being unable to meet His Excellency. He is spoken of throughout this part of Africa as one of the most unusual men in His Majesty's service, having spent more than thirty years in the continent as an elephant hunter, district commissioner and chief executive of the Uganda Protectorate.

Arriving back at Kampala I found that the four lorries had been engaged for our small expedition and that they would be loaded and ready to depart the following day. For the remainder of the afternoon I walked about Kampala, finding it to be an almost model small town. Although there is no sewerage and all the water must be carried in from the Lake and boiled, there appears to be no slovenly district in the entire locality. By some magic all refuse is removed during the night, streets are kept as clean as the floor of a home and the European section looks more like the residential suburbs of a European or American city, than anything in Africa. Across from the hotel there is the nine hole Uganda Golf Course, where every white person above the age of fifteen gathers at sundown for a round of golf. I spent the hours before supper sitting on the balcony of the hotel watching the players teeing off and meditating upon the uncommon popularity of a game which has within recent years made its way into the heart of "Darkest Africa."

Stalled by a Truck. Stalled by a truck. The next morning we packed our bags, threw them in the touring car which had been engaged to come with us, and said goodbye to Kampala and the Imperial Hotel. We were bound for Macinde, 165 miles away toward Lake Albert. It was about 11 o'clock when the last of our lorries pulled away, and we fell in at the rear of the line of cars, to be sure that we would not lose any

business area will necessitate the permission of the Chief Medical Officer if we are to stay longer than twenty-four hours. With those minor details excepted, the crocodile sequence is practically on its way to the laboratory.

Travelling up the White Nile from Lake Albert to Rhino Camp we passed large herds of elephant, also of the preserve. They are there, there is no doubt of that, but when we begin operations with cameras, air lights, and generators it is a question as to just what will transpire. It is illegal to shoot them and they don't speak English. The only thing I can think of is monkey-nuts. Perhaps it is best to do all the worrying when the time comes. In the words of the trainer whose elephants broke loose and lodged in a munitions shed, "Everything's all right, I know where they are."

At Rhino camp we failed to find any Rhino, but you don't find Buffalo at Buffalo, New York either. We did locate Rhino the next day, however, near Arua, and again experienced great satisfaction. If I can find the game I'm not worried, but even director can't work without tools. All I have ever asked is that I be given enough actors to fill my parts, proper place for them to act in and a technical crew that understands its business.

In this picture I have the human actors, I am sure, I have the location--the best in the world--and I have what I believe to be the best crew in the business. The rest of my actors--the animals--are here in abundance as I have just ascertained, and if I can't make them act as they are supposed to I'm in the wrong profession. In Hollywood the only impossibility is the impossible and it's up to me to mould Africa to the pattern of Hollywood for a few months.

The Pygmies. But that begins to sound like a laudatory article on the cinema--let's get back to Africa. We had to drive for five days through the Belgian Congo before we came upon the Pygmies. Quite suddenly on Sunday, May 19, we landed in the midst of them at Bene. They were very considerate, told us that they would do what we wanted them to and bid us a fond farewell the next day, not understanding in the least why we had come or what we meant by "motion pictures." Anywhere there are the pygmies, and Bene is marked on my map with a large red circle and a scrawl which says "Pygmy" to all who can read my writing.

The matter of a witch doctor to play an important "bit" in the picture gave me considerable worry until I reached the uncivilized parts of Africa--particularly the Congo where the natives are thoroughly unspoiled by the white man. There I was able to find innumerable witch doctors suitable for use in the picture. There is one in almost any tribe of any size. They correspond to the American Indian medicine man and are by necessity superior in intelligence to the average native. I shall depend upon the best location and the tribal dress to decide the particular witch doctor to use. In this one instance I was pleasantly surprised to find a wealth of excellent material.

An Adequate "Rencherio." In the single objective of locating the adequate "Rencherio" I was disappointed. It is a curious and noteworthy fact that the African native as a type is neither tall nor heavily muscled. In the South Seas when I was there filming "White shadows of the South Seas" and "The Pagan" I could have found dozens of admirable Rencherios. The Polynesian is bigger framed and more athletic than the central African native. From the time I arrived in Mombasa I have been constantly on the alert, casting an appraising eye at each big native I passed. In almost every case I have found that the tall native is either too slender or too misshapen to fit the role and in the few cases that I did come upon one with a physique to suit the part, I found that its possessor was incapable of the most elementary acting or had placed himself under contract at some kind of a job.

In Royal Footsteps. To-night we are back where we started from, camped on the side of the escarpment overlooking the plains of Butiaba and Lake Albert. We are occupying the same rest camp, in fact, that was home to the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his visit here last fall. To-morrow we proceed to Masindi where our Nairobi party will meet in full force with our entire equipment. If they have obeyed my telegraphic orders, they will be ready to proceed at once to our first location on Lake Albert.

[To Be Continued.]

And--without being too literal about it--we were successful in each instance. At Murchison Falls we found 500 crocodiles and many more Hippo--so many in fact, that they almost upset the launch which was taking us up the Victorian Nile to the Falls. Whether or not they will sit up and be photographed is something we will have to worry about when we reach the location en masse. The vicinity of Murchison Falls is a Uganda game preserve where shooting is prohibited except in self defence. It will be necessary to obtain the permission of the Governor of Uganda to camp in the preserve and the fact that it is also a part of the supporting cast.

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COMING 7.7.7.



ON THE
WESTERN FRONT

ROUND THE CINEMAS

PRIZE FIGHTS AND FOOTBALL GAMES.

YOUNG MAN OF MANHATTAN.

Fast-moving and modern as a Schneider Cup aeroplane racer, "Young Man of Manhattan" comes to the Central Theatre to-day as the main feature on a splendid programme.

Based on the Saturday Evening Post serial and best-selling novel by Katharine Brush, one of America's youngest and most successful writers about young people, the picture picks up in impetus on the screen what it couldn't have attained by the slower medium of the printed word.

The principal characters, Claudette Colbert as Ann Vaughn, Norman Foster as Toby McLean, Charles Ruggles as Shorty Ross and Ginger Rogers as Puff Randolph, are seen again in a thrilling pattern of prize fights, football games, six-day bicycles races, hotel room sprees, night clubs and other rendezvous of the boys and girls who furnish America with its daily newspaper fare.

Here is a romance-drama that is packed with real American zings. It carries a whoopee-wallop in one hand, and a human, throbbing love-theme in the other. Sure, there's a lot of carousing and drinking--but then there's a lot of hard work and serious-minded love-making too.

If you like a warming, tingling love story, seasoned with red-hot American pep, get a load of this "Young Man of Manhattan."

"FEET FIRST."

Methods may come and methods may go, but the Lloydian fun goes on, seemingly, for ever.

In other words, no matter what the requirements of film production might be, Harold Lloyd and his staff of the Harold Lloyd Corp. keep right on exhilarating the screen-going public with new thrills, new laughs in each succeeding production.

In the old silent days, Lloyd's pictures were made from a sketchy story outline, with gags being filled in with each succeeding day's work on the set or location.

Then came the second era of procedure as exemplified in "Welcome Danger." This was Harold's first picture in which he became articulate.

The method on "Welcome Danger" was a hybrid procedure. The silent version was made first. Then this version was "shot" over again with dialogue added for the milieus.

"Feet First," his current comedy-thriller coming to the King's Theatre to-morrow, marks a new era of picture-making for Lloyd. "Feet First" was worked out from an original, detailed script in which all dialogue and gags had been rehearsed before the cameras and microphones started the recording process.

"THE DESERT SONG."

It is singularly fitting that "The Desert Song," the screen's first operetta, should be produced by Warner Brothers, whose introduction and development of the Vitaphone is solely responsible for the advent of the speaking photoplay.

Presenting the first "sound film" when they released the John Barrymore production, "Don Juan," with a synchronised orchestral score, Warner Brothers next included actual talking in Al Jolson's "The Jazz Singer." Then followed many other productions making a constantly added use of the Vitaphone, and finally several which were "all-talking."

As a climax to their endeavours they have produced the glorious musical play, "The Desert Song," which comes to World Theatre to-morrow.

The all-star cast appearing in the screen version of "The Desert Song" includes John Boles, Louise Fazenda, Carlotta King, Johnny Arthur, John Miljan, Marie Wells, Jack Pratt, Edward Martindel, Otto Hoffman, Myrna Loy, Robert E. Guzman, Del Elliott and a magnificent singing chorus of one hundred voices.

"MIN AND BILL."

Directing a crowd of extras in five different languages was the task faced by George Hill when he directed the fishing village scenes in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Min and Bill," in which Marie Dressler and Wallace Beery will be seen starting on Saturday at the Queen's Theatre.

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ALL Special Times
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QUIET ON THE
WESTERN FRONT

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day--Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dance at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels. Entertainment.

To-day--King's Theatre; "Anybody's Woman."

To-day--Queen's Theatre; "Whoopie."

To-day--Central Theatre; "Young Man of Manhattan."

To-day--Majestic Theatre; "River of Romance."

Home Mails.

To-morrow--Inward from Europe via Suez (Ranpur).

Saturday--Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Japan), 8.30 a.m.; for Europe via Marseilles (Comorin), 10.30 a.m.

Meeting.

Friday--China Underwriters, Hong Kong Bank Building, noon.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

NOVEL RUSE.

JEWELLER'S ASSISTANT PUT IN BATHROOM.

An audacious robbery was carried out by a Chinese yesterday. The firm of Wing Sing, Queen's Road Central, were victimised of \$670 worth of jewellery.

It appears that a man telephoned, asking to have a selection of jewellery sent up to a room in the Empress Hotel. An assistant was sent with the jewellery and on opening the door was confronted by the man with revolver. The man seized the parcel of jewellery; the youth was put into the bathroom; and the robber made off with ease.

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

TOLL OF TUBERCULOSIS AND TYPHOID.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended May 16 is as follows:

Cases. Deaths.

Easterly fever 2 2

Diphtheria 1 0

Cerebro-spinal fever 1

Tuberculosis 58

Summary to May 16.

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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BRITISH AMATEUR GOLF.

Only One American Survivor.

WEATHERED STILL IN.

London, Yesterday. In the third round of the British Amateur Championship at Westward Ho Voigt beat Abercrombie, Fairbanks' conqueror, by 2 and one.

Roger Wethered beat T. Torrance by 4 and 2.

Dr. McCormick beat Demaria, a wealthy young Argentinian, by 3 and 2.

Cyril Tolley beat Robert Harris by 4 and 2.

America's Only Hope.

Douglas Fiddian beat Hadden at the 21st.

Martin Smith (Royal St. George's) beat John Forman (Winged Foot) at the 20th, leaving Voigt as the sole player remaining of the eleven Americans. Voigt meets Bernard Darwin in the next round.

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TWO REFEREES FOR FOOTBALL.

Interesting Experiment in Calcutta.

EXAMPLE FOLLOWED.

Calcutta, April 25. Calcutta is making an experiment with two referees for soccer to-morrow when the Loyal Regiment, the Calcutta League Champions, and the Durham Light Infantry, one of the finest football combinations in India, meet on the Calcutta ground.

It seems that the Association at Khargpur had two referees for their football matches all last season, totally regardless of the laws of football laid down by the F.A., and the Calcutta Football League, replying on the fact that they are not affiliated to the Football Association, are trying to follow that example.

CHAMPIONS LOSE TO WORCESTER.

HAMMOND 168 NOT OUT.

Hampshire Strategy at the Oval.

NEW ZEALAND WIN.

London, Yesterday.

The defeat of Lancashire at Worcester provided the sensation of the week-end cricket programme. Batting first, the home county scored 169 and proceeded to dismiss the champions for a paltry score of 75. In the fourth innings Lancashire, requiring 211 runs for victory, were dismissed for 85, Root claiming 9 wickets for 23 runs.

Gloucester, thanks to a fine undefeated century by Hammond, secured a first innings lead over Sussex at Brighton. With Larwood in good bowling form and centuries from Walker and A. W. Carr, Notts comfortably took first innings points from Northants at Trent Bridge. The match between Leicestershire and Derbyshire resulted in a struggle for first innings points, and stumps were drawn after the winning hit on the first innings.

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HENRY COTTON IN GREAT FORM.

Mitchell Beaten in Match Play.

TRIUMPH OF YOUTH.

In view of the recent sweeping success of Henry Cotton, the young British player, over a formidable field in the Southport Professional Golfers' Tournament, the following details of his crushing defeat of Abe Mitchell in match play last month are of interest. They are culled from the Manchester Guardian:

Abe Mitchell suffered the most surprising defeat of his career at Sundridge Park, Kent, when Henry Cotton, the leader of the generation of young golfers beat him by the overwhelming margin of seven up and six to play, in a 36-hole match. The occasion, the opening of the club's new second course, was a social function, but the match was a trial of strength between a golfer who is a redoubtable match player and international, and a young man who has been anxious to prove that he is a worthy representative of British golf.

Mitchell The Favourite.

The game can be briefly summarised: with 18 holes played it was all square; with 27 holes played Mitchell was six down; and at the thirtieth the match was all over. The "gALLERY" made. Mitchell the favourite, and in the first round he justified the confidence reposed in him, for Cotton saved himself time and again only by getting down in one putt. Each went out in 36, and the match turned all square. Cotton had the lead at the sixth, but he lost it at the eighth, and these were the only holes not divided. It was similar on the homeward journey, for each player won a hole and the other seven were halved. Mitchell took the lead at the twelfth, where, for the only time in the match, Cotton was bunkered and he held it until he played a wild approach to the home hole and left Cotton with a yard putt round a half stymie for a win to square. Each had gone round in 74.

A Collapse.

Mitchell appeared to collapse at the beginning of the second round. His erratic play was startling. He gave Cotton chances, and the young man seized them with both hands, so that what had promised to be a magnificent struggle developed into a procession. Mitchell looked like a tired man, while his opponent, half his years, became greatly confident. Seldom has Mitchell played so badly. He never gave his long putts a chance, and time and again the ball stopped an inch or two from the hole, while Cotton was down in one putt on many greens.

Abe's Poor Golf.

Mitchell's bad golf was exemplified at the first hole of the second round, where he hooked his drive, played poor second shot, and struggled for a four, while Cotton, after two perfect shots, holed a six-yard putt for a "birdie" three. At the third Cotton had another "birdie," due to a fine approach, and on the only occasion on which he was in danger of losing a hole—the fifth—he holed a three-yarder for a half. Mitchell played really bad shots at the sixth, seventh, and eighth holes, and he took three putts at the ninth. Cotton won all of these and gathered a lead of six holes, being out in 88 against 40. Cotton made a six-yard putt for a two at the eleventh and was down seven, and though he missed his second to the twelfth hole, he got down from five yards for half, and the match was over. Cotton had an average of five under fours for the twelve holes played in the second and was three under fours for the match, while Mitchell was five over.

TEST SELECTORS ARE CHOSEN.

Composed of Retired Players.

THREE NEW NAMES.

London, April 29. The England Test Match Selection Committee was appointed by the Cricket Board of Control during their meeting at Lord's yesterday, as follows:

P. F. Warner (Middlesex), Chairman; P. Perrin (Essex); and T. A. Higson (Lancashire).

Mr. Howard Marshall writing in the Daily Telegraph says:

The new cricket Selection Committee—none of the old members have been reappointed—will serve for two years, which means that it

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—Division I—Kowloon Docks v. C.S.C.C.; Craigmourer v. Recruiters; K.C.C. v. Taikoo v. K.B.G.C.; Division II—Recreo v. Craigmourer; C.S.C.C. v. H.K. Electric; K.C.C. v. Yacht Club; K.B.G.C. v. Taikoo.

GOLF—Sunday—Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Junior Section v. Kowloon Golf Club at Happy Valley.

SUMMER CUP (First Round) at Kowloon Golf Club.

FENCING—Monday—Hong Kong Fencing Club at 5.15 p.m.

RACING—Saturday and Monday—Sixth Extra Race Meeting.

WATER POLO—Monday—Entries close for League, 6 p.m.

HOME—CRICKET—To-day, To-morrow and Friday—Worcestershire v. New Zealand; Middlesex v. Leicester; Essex v. Sussex; Essex v. Derby; Glamorgan v. Lancashire; Somerset v. Notts; Northants v. Kent; Cambridge U. v. Warwick; Oxford U. v. Gloucester; Saturday, Monday and Tuesday—Gloucester v. New Zealand; Middlesex v. Sussex; Essex v. Worcester; Lancashire v. Yorkshire; Somerset v. Kent; Northants v. Leicester; Notts v. Surrey; Warwick v. Derby; Gloucester v. Hampshire.

GOLF—To-day to Friday—British Amateur Championship at Westward Ho.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—French International Championships (Continued).

FOOTBALL—To-day—Italy v. Scotland at Rome; Sunday—Switzerland v. Scotland at Geneva.

YACHTING—Saturday—Royal Harwich Regatta.

MOTOR CYCLING—Saturday—French Gold Cup.

RACING—Sunday—Belgian Derby at Brussels.

will have the heavy responsibility of picking the English team to meet the Australians in the Winter of 1932.

At first sight it seems to be an improvement on Mr. Leveson Gower's committee, which was so strangely vacillating last Summer. No one will question Mr. P. F. Warner's high qualifications; Mr. Perrin, the old Essex batsman, will be a popular choice in the South; and at last the North is represented, and worthily represented, by Mr. T. A. Higson, the hon. treasurer of the Lancashire C.C.

Mr. Warner, no doubt, will make a good chairman; but I cannot help feeling that it is a pity that there is not one selector at least with him who is still playing, or has only just retired, and who could, therefore, judge the candidates with first-hand knowledge of their capabilities in the field.

It is true that two professionals may be co-opted, one to represent the North and one the South, but it is not altogether easy for professionals to speak their mind with complete freedom. This lack of a playing member seems to me a weakness in the new committee, and I am sorry for that reason that Mr. J. C. White is no longer serving.

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SAVAGE RITES OF SECRET SOCIETY.

"Human Leopards" on Murder Trial.

CANNIBALISM.

Travellers have many stories to tell of obscene and barbaric practices of the negro tribes on the west coast of Africa, writes a Daily Express special correspondent.

Secret societies are rampant, and are interwoven in the social life of the people. Some of the organisations are more or less benevolent; but others more sinister, practise magic, witchcraft, and cannibalism, and terrorise the districts in which they exist.

These loathsome customs are still in vogue in remote parts of the British Protectorate of Sierra Leone.

I have gathered details of the activities of a few of the worst organisations, particularly of the Human Leopard Society in the Imperi district of the Sierra Leone Protectorate.

The bush country of the Imperi is sparsely populated by tribes of the Mendi, the Veis, and the Bulum negroes, most of whom are pagan deists.

The best part of their lives is spent in seeking to propitiate the Unseen, through the medium of a supposed mystic force embodied in charms and juju manufactured by the witch doctors.

It is believed that those who use or wear these tokens or who consume some portion of a human body, obtain protection from sickness and other ills, and renew within themselves the spirit and quality of the deceased.

For these folk cannibalism has therefore a mystic significance.

Grim Amulets.

This explains the existence of the infamous secret organisations known as the Human Leopard and the Alligator Societies.

The members of these organisations supply the witch doctors with human material for the manufacture of amulets, and of a much-sought-after potion called Botima.

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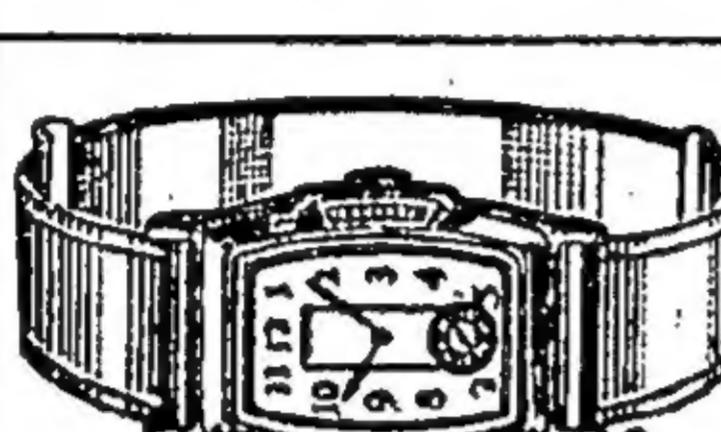
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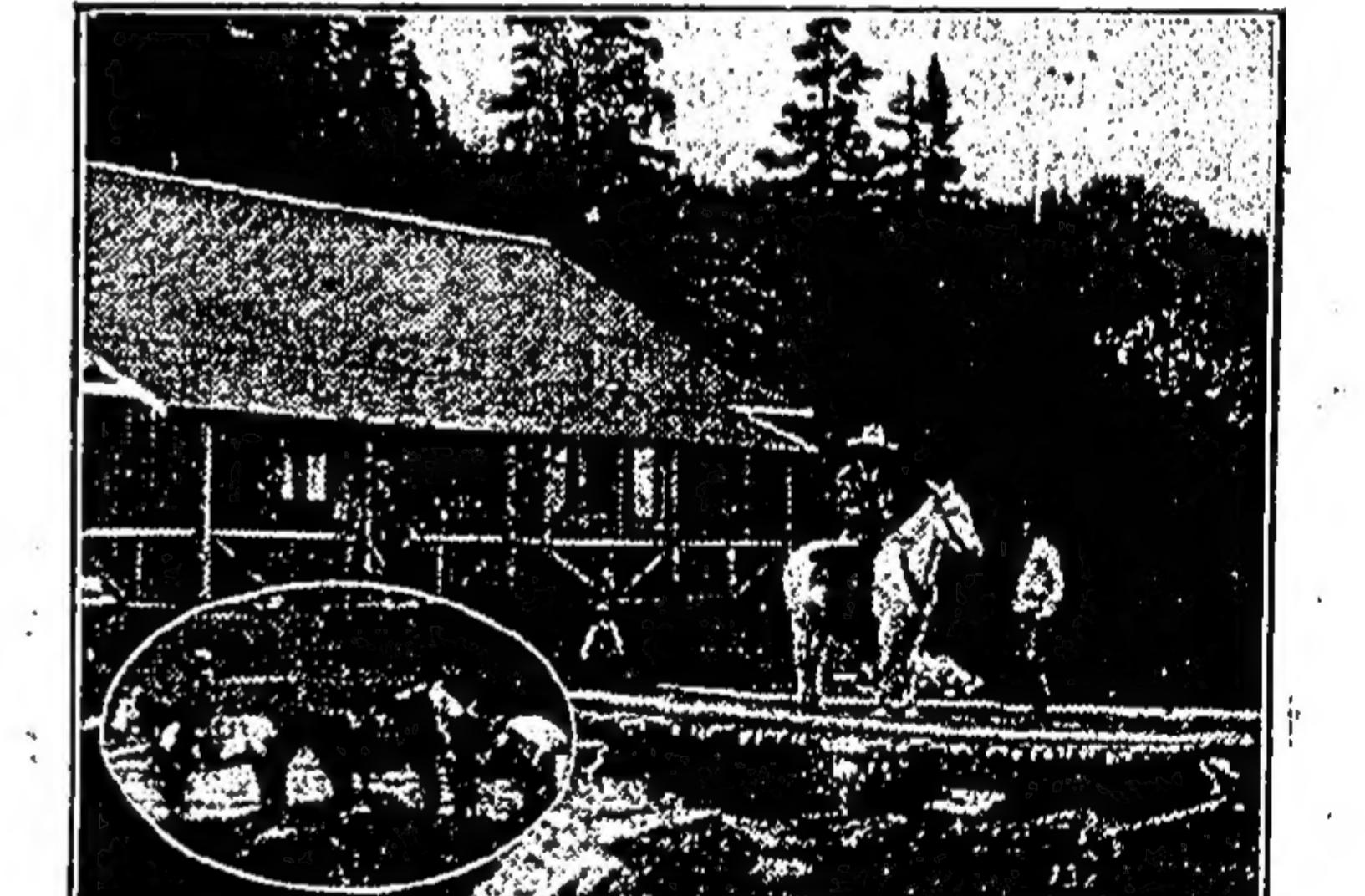
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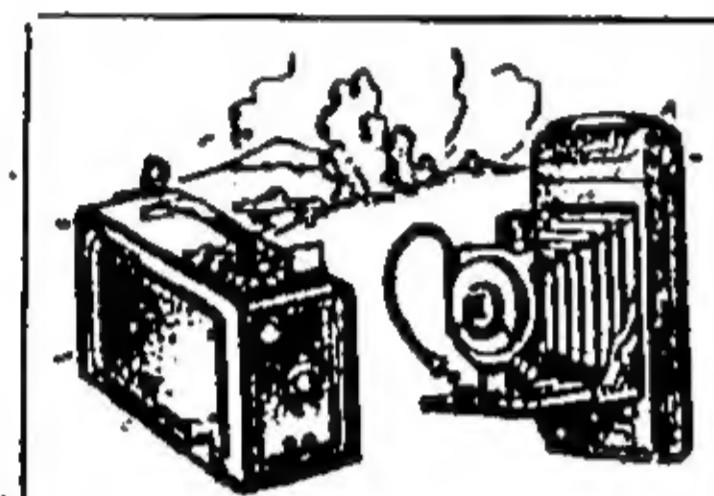
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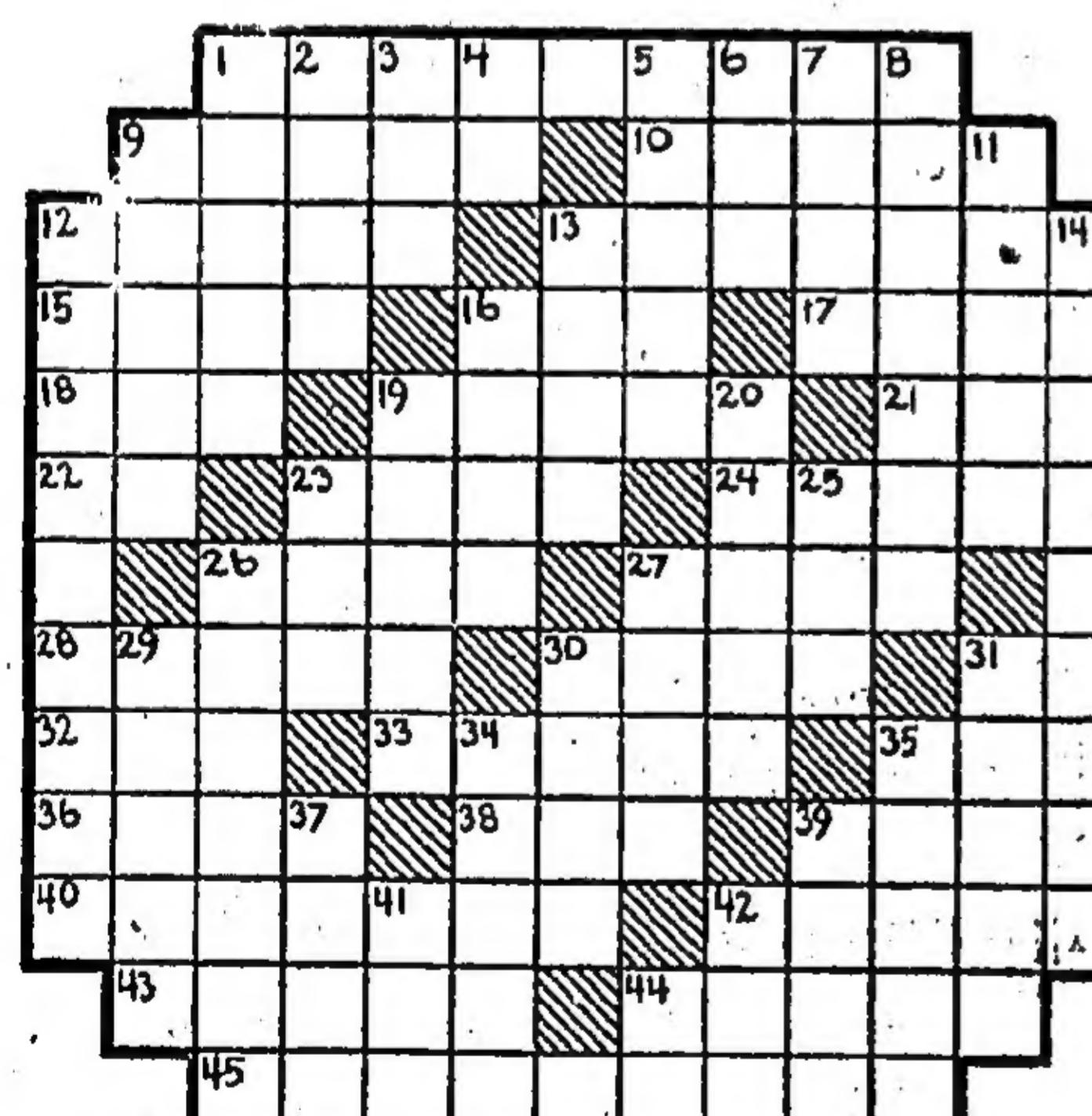
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *harbor*, *plow*, and *altho.*)



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HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 1-Affiliated
- 2-Drill
- 3-Erects
- 4-A metal
- 5-A dealer in furs
- 6-Rave
- 7-Restrain
- 8-A German rear-admiral
- 9-Augment
- 10-Be sport in Florida
- 11-Poison proof of interest (abbr.)
- 12-That is (Latin, abbr.)
- 13-A walking stick
- 14-Crown
- 15-Crown
- 16-To contend with
- 17-Humus
- 18-City in N. E. France
- 19-Empty
- 20-Conjunction
- 21-Feminine name
- 22-Part of a ship
- 23-Situation
- 24-Editors (abbr.)
- 25-Groove
- 26-Knot of hunting dog (pl.)
- 27-Prevent from acting
- 28-Groans
- 29-Bat
- 30-Point of compass
- 31-In (Post)
- 32-Royal Navy (abbr.)
- 33-Deface
- 34-Covered with ivy
- 35-Couches
- 36-Scents
- 37-Earth (Fr.)
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- 45-Fruit of the oak
- 46-Depression between two mountains
- 47-Flesh sage
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- 51-Repeat
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At the end of three years of planning and preparing to make British films in Britain—Jack Buchanan—when the London run of "Stand Up and Sing" ends—is going back to Hollywood!

So the British film industry loses another star—this time a man who is already a proved box-office attraction in American cinemas.

The argument advanced by British film executives—referring to the Charlie Chaplin, the Ronald Colman, the Clive Brooks, the Elissa Landi, and others—that none of them had shown indications of possessing star qualities until Hollywood "developed" their latent talents does not apply in the case of Jack Buchanan.

In the United States, as well as in Britain the success of "Monte Carlo" is generally conceded to be mainly due to the charm of Buchanan's performance. Theatre critics, expressing well-founded surprise that at every performance of "Stand Up and Sing" the audience refuses to leave the theatre until Buchanan has made a curtain speech, attribute this most unusual exhibition of hero worship to the star's film "fans."

Powers "Not Interested."

Yet no responsible executive in the British film industry shows the slightest inclination even to consider Jack Buchanan, either as an actor or director. To obtain his side of the story I visited Buchanan in his dressing-room.

"As much as I dislike having to say it," he began, "the powers that be in the British film industry are not interested in people whose record proves that they know how to make good films."

"It seems to be rather a handicap to have had any Hollywood experience. This strikes me as somewhat unreasonable, since Hollywood experience tends to give one an international viewpoint as against British or any other purely national viewpoint."

"And here is a vital point about so-called American films which seems to be completely overlooked in this country. They are American only in so far as the money that makes them is American money, ensuring that the resultant profits will eventually go into American pockets. Hollywood does not care whether you are white or black or yellow—so long as you can deliver the goods. At a time when the need of key industries in this country is urgent I should like to stress this point.

Self-Complacency.

"Under existing conditions here, to say that you have come from Hollywood, that you have learned to do the trick as Hollywood does it, is fatal."

"In spite of the fact that not one British talkie has won even halfway success in the United States, Elstree persists in maintaining an attitude of smug self-complacency which would be funny if it were not so deplorable. I realise that in saying these things I run grave risks of being misunderstood. I can but hope that I can make my attitude clear. I am not a disgruntled actor who has come home from Hollywood thinking he is the 'whole cheese.' Rather I feel that I am standing off at a distance and looking at the situation dispassionately."

"Not patriotism so much as business led me to make the decision to produce films in Britain. My determination was formed the night I heard my first talkie. I was convinced (and I still am) that the introduction of the spoken word spelled a real opportunity for British writers, producers, and actors."

"To get the necessary grounding in the fundamentals of the business I spent a year in a Hollywood film factory. In that time I gained priceless experience."

"I came home from Hollywood full of enthusiasm, and prepared to prove my ability to help make

First Visit for Eighteen Years.

Chaliapin

will be heard in London in Russian opera this Summer. It is eighteen years since the last Russian Opera Company visited the metropolis, but the company of which Chaliapin is a regular member and which numbers in all 140 singers and dancers is to have a season at the Lyceum Theatre from May 18 to June 30.

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Wave of Thrift.

The stars of Hollywood are being paid at the rate of £4,500,000 a year for their beauty, laughter and tears, and love-making capacities, and they are investing their earnings in sound securities, real estate, oil, and business enterprises, others are just banking their money.

Thus as a wave of thrift, unprecedented in the glamorous annals of Hollywood swept over the film colony, the managers of the stars control them with an iron hand.

Men employed by stars to control their expenditure have insisted that no artistes can afford a personal valet unless he is earning at least £20,000 a year, as their necessary expenses are so high.

Norma Talmadge, who has kept

tears of gold and who has com-

manded thousands of pounds with

a smile, has discovered that she

can keep a straight face and add

to her income as a bank director.

Gloria Swanson has found her ice-cold beauty equally paying as a business manager, and Marion Davies runs a profitable florist's business in her spare time. Mary Pickford is making money out of real estate, and so is her husband Douglas Fairbanks.

Shrewd Financiers.

Harold Lloyd controls an estate business, and Clive Brook, Kay Francis, and the screen super vi-

lains William Powell, are dealers in bonds. Richard Bartholomew does a considerable trade in business sites.

Dorothy Mackail owns an orange grove and shipbuilding plant in San Francisco. Bob Daniels has built and sold cottages at a substantial profit and Eleanor Boardman and the fascinating May Murray are shrewd financiers in the oil industry.

Louise Dresser has investments in petrol-filling stations and motor car repair shops. Noah Beery owns a trout farm, and George K. Arthur owns a grocery store.

They are all realising that their reign as idols of the public is a short if merry one, and they are putting by for the day when they are dethroned.

Charlie Chaplin, too, is pursuing caution, and is investing in British Government and other bonds. His surplus for investment, after allowing for his expenditure in the film business, is stated to be £150,000 a year.

Hollywood once shocked the world by its wild extravagance and the immorality which were alleged to follow in the train of these orgies, in which the men and women spent thousands of pounds on a single party or banquet. The exploitation of many of the stars earned for Hollywood a reputation as a new city of pleasure and a city of heartbreaks.

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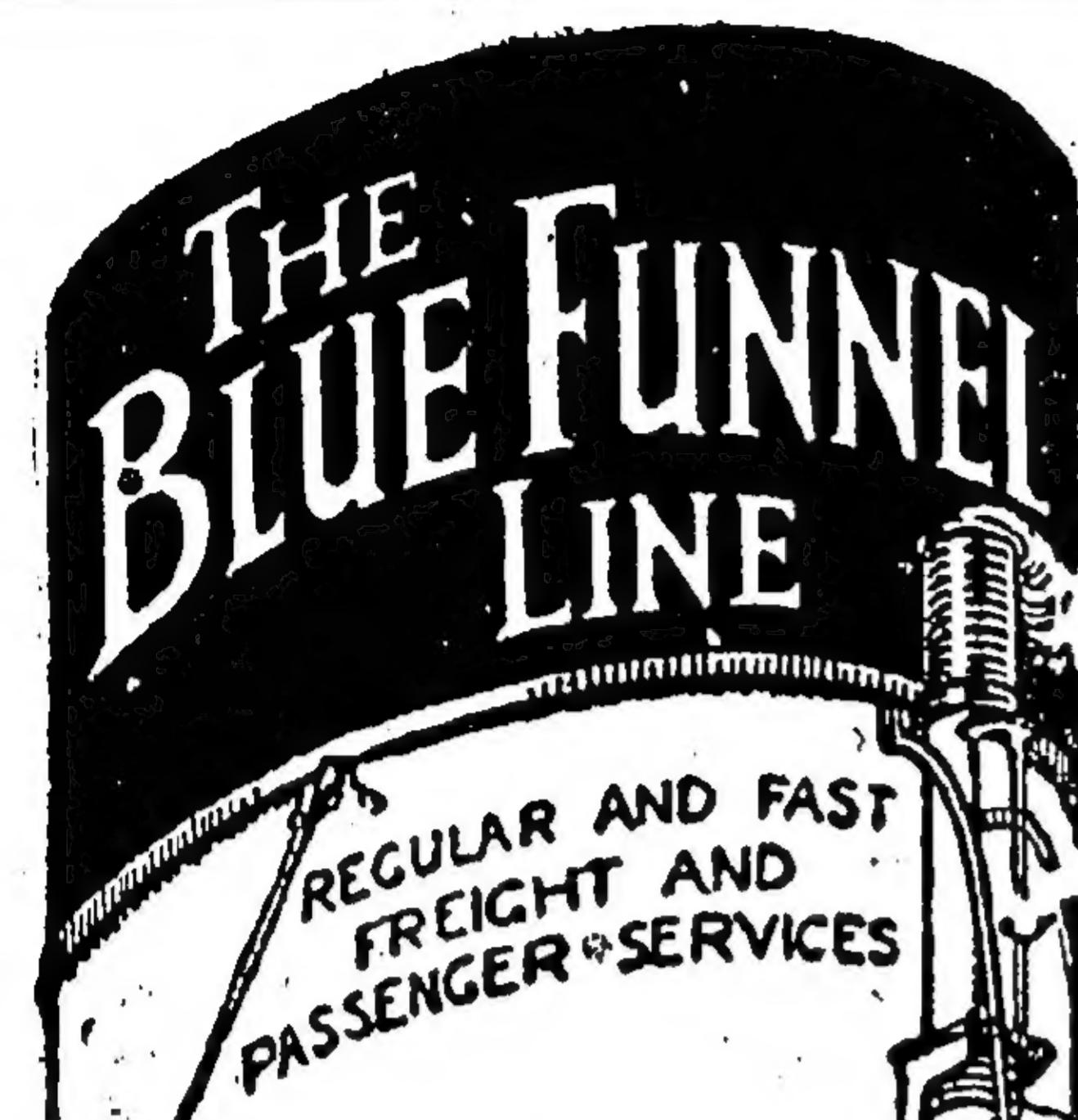
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VITAL OIL TREATY RATIFIED.

Agreement Between Iraq & World Powers.

INCOME TAX CLAIMS.

London, Yesterday. The agreement between the Iraq Government and the Iraq Petroleum Company was ratified yesterday.—Reuter.

[The agreement was signed on March 26, between the Iraq Government and the Iraq Petroleum Company, comprising British, French, American and Dutch interests, after months of protracted negotiations, principally involving income tax which the Iraq Government originally claimed on the profits derived from the Company's operations even outside Iraq. The agreement provides income tax on profits in Iraq only and an annual consolidated payment disposes of the pipe lineage of production. The agreement disposes of the pipe lines which are being built both to Tripoli and Haifa.]

CHINA'S REQUEST.

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION OF THE LEAGUE.

JAPANESE SYMPATHY.

Geneva, Yesterday. The League Council has granted China's request for the co-operation of the League's technical organism.

Signor Grandi, who acted as rapporteur in the matter, said the request deserved the appreciation of the League.

The Japanese member of the Council, Mr. Yosizawa, associated himself with these sentiments, and expressed great sympathy with the efforts of the Chinese Government in the work of reconstruction, in which Japan cordially co-operated.

The Chinese representative thanked the League for its co-operation, which was much appreciated all over China.—Reuter.

CUSTOMS PACT.

UNANIMOUS VOTE OF LEAGUE COUNCIL.

SUBMISSION TO THE HAGUE.

Geneva, Yesterday. The League Council experienced a sensation to-day, when a short, sharp reply was made by Dr. Curtius to M. Briand's statement that the political aspect of the Austro-German Customs Union should later be submitted to the League Council. Dr. Curtius declared:

"If The Hague Court decides that the Customs Union is legal, it will be intolerable to bring Germany before the Council as a disturber of European peace."

The Council then proceeded to vote on Mr. Arthur Henderson's proposal to submit the legality of the Austro-German Customs Union to The Hague Court, and the proposal was adopted unanimously.—Reuter.

SALVATION ARMY.

HIGH COUNCIL TO APPOINT GENERAL.

Rugby, Yesterday. The House of Commons last night passed a resolution approving of Bill that the General of the Salvation Army shall be elected by the High Council, and its property in Great Britain be

SEQUEL TO OUSTRIC BANK SCANDAL.

Charges Against Four Ex-Ministers.

CLAIM REJECTED.

Paris, Yesterday. The Senate, sitting as a High Court, has ordered an additional enquiry into the charges against the ex-Minister, Raoul Poret, ex-Ambassador Besnard, and two ex-Under-Secretaries of State, in connection with the Oustric financial scandals, and has rejected the accused's claim for immediate trial and a verdict of not guilty.—Reuter.

AGAINST SOVIET.

CONSERVATIVE MOTION IN COMMONS.

BROKEN PROMISES.

Rugby, Yesterday. By 243 votes to 223, the House of Commons last night defeated the Conservative motion for a formal reduction of the Foreign Office Vote, as a protest against the Government's policy regarding Russia.

The motion complained that the Government had undertaken that the Soviet promise to abstain from propaganda, should be regarded as putting an end to propaganda against the British Empire by the Third International, yet those activities had been allowed to continue.

The Prime Minister said what was in dispute was, in effect, the relations between the Soviet Government and the Third International.

As to whether the Soviet Government was endorsing recognition of the activities of the Third International, the Soviet Government said "No." The British Government said "Yes," and continued to say "Yes," because they knew what they were talking about. It was, however, the Government's duty to consider the consequences, and the Government would not break off relations, for the breach could make matters worse. The Government was inspired by the same reasons as inspired the Foreign Secretary in the late Conservative Government in 1925, and were to-day inspiring France and Germany, which had been treated even worse than Britain.—British Wireless Service.

CHINESE AVIATION.

FORTY PLANES ORDERED FROM BRITAIN.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A semi-official message states that in order to facilitate an improvement in the existing commercial air services and institute new air routes, the National Government has decided to purchase forty British aeroplanes.

In ordering the Foreign Ministry to arrange with the company concerned for the purchase, the Government specifies that the planes be equipped with light machine-guns in order to eliminate the possible danger to passengers from bandits.—Reuter.

vested in a custodian trust company. In favour of the Bill, which had the strong support of the Salvation Army, it was contended that Parliamentary sanction was necessary to do away, in practice, with the possibility that one General should appoint his successor.—British Wireless Service.

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SMUGGLER'S RUSE DISCOVERED.

Man Who Carried Photo of European Girls.

FINED \$9,000.

Another clever method of opium smuggling was learned by Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning; when a Chinese appeared on a remand charge of the unlawful possession of 75 taels of illicit opium.

Producing a rattan basket, Revenue Officer W. Ward explained that the opium was concealed in a flat shaped brass tank, which in turn was fastened to the bottom of the basket, being covered over. The basket had to be sent to a factory for the opium to be boiled out.

Mr. Schofield—What do you do for a living, defendant?

Defendant—I am a carpenter in the country.

His Worship—What did you come to Hong Kong for?

Defendant—I am en route to Samoa.

R. O. Ward—I think that is right, your Worship. He has some pictures of European and Samoan girls!

A fine of \$9,000 with the option of a year's hard labour was imposed.

SUEZ CANAL DUES.

DIRECTORS DO NOT FAVOUR REDUCTION.

BRITISH ATTITUDE.

Rugby, Yesterday. In the House of Commons at question time to-day the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. W. Graham, said that he understood that at a meeting of the Directors of the Suez Canal Company held in Paris on May 11 a decision adverse to any immediate reduction of dues was reached.

The Report of the British Government's Directors would be considered by the Departments concerned and he would make a statement on the subject as soon as possible.—British Wireless Service.

DISARMAMENT.

MR. HENDERSON ELECTED AS PRESIDENT.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Council of the League of Nations to-night by a unanimous vote appointed the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, as President of the Disarmament Conference, which opens next February. Mr. Henderson agreed to accept nomination provided the British Cabinet approves.—British Wireless Service.

TIRIED OF IT.

RUSSIAN STOWAWAYS SENT TO JAIL.

"I'm getting tired of this sort of thing" said Mr. E. W. Hamilton, in the Kowloon Police Court, this morning, when he sent two Russian stowaways, Gregory Popoff and Linowig A. Blinkin, to jail for two months with hard labour.

The two men boarded the s.s. Hang Sang at Shanghai, and were discovered hiding in a lifeboat when one day out from the Northern Settlement.

A report from Copenhagen states that there is a steady increase in the quantity of laid-up Danish shipping. According to the weekly report of the Danish Steamship Owners' Union 91 steamers aggregating 317,398 tons are now laid up.

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